



# MICHAEL E. DeBAKEY VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER



## VALOR PROGRAM

### Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunity Residency

- ◆ Strives to educate and recruit exceptional future pharmacists interested in the Veteran Affairs practice setting
- ◆ Offers an opportunity for pharmacy students to develop competences in pharmacy practice settings such as inpatient pharmacy and outpatient pharmacy
- ◆ Provides exposure to management practices and clinical pharmacy services such as anticoagulation, critical care, discharge pharmacy, infectious disease, internal medicine, primary care, spinal cord injury, and transplant

#### Program Benefits

- ◆ Salary is equal to 80% of the minimum level for new graduates
- ◆ Potential to be hired above entry salary after graduation
- ◆ No service obligation
- ◆ Flexible work hours

#### Program Eligibility

- ◆ Must be a U. S. Citizen
- ◆ Must be a full-time student approaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of pharmacy school
- ◆ Possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale computed on their professional training in the school of pharmacy
- ◆ Able to complete a minimum of 400 hours as a VALOR student
- ◆ Able to meet physical standards at the time of entry into the program



#### Application Requirements

- ◆ Submit VA form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations, (<http://www4.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850c-fill.pdf>) **and** VA form OF-306, Declaration of Federal Employment, (<http://www.opm.gov/Forms/html/of.asp>)
- ◆ Submit letter of good standing from the Dean verifying completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of pharmacy school, full-time status and anticipated graduation within one to two years of VALOR program entry
- ◆ Submit resume and a maximum 250 word statement of program interest and career goals
- ◆ Submit official transcript (s) directly to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

***Application deadline: Friday, January 8, 2010 (postmarked)***

**Mail application packet and transcripts to: Attn: Richard Cadle, Pharm.D., BCPS, FASHP  
VALOR Program Director**

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